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The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is pleased to announce the opening of the fiscal year 2018 funding cycle for the Energy Smart Reserved Power (ESRP) program. BPA offers this funding opportunity to help offset the cost of installing electrical energy saving projects that will result in the reduction of regional power loads. As a site using reserved power or station service from the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), your site is eligible to participate in this program.

This year, as in the previous, the program is open to all reserved power and station service sites within the BPA service territory, including irrigation districts, hydroelectric and electric service facilities, as well as the two federally-recognized fish hatcheries.

For FY18, funding will be capped at \$500,000 for each individual project. However, large energy savings projects are permitted to be structured into phases and/or multiple, stand-alone projects.

Applications may be submitted for any project that will result in reduced use of reserved power or station service electric energy and that meet the requirements outlined in the application form. Funding levels are expected to be similar to previous years and all applications that meet BPA's eligibility criteria will be evaluated and ranked based on reimbursement rate (\$ requested/kWh saved/year), total potential kWh savings, and FCRPS water savings. If the submitted project also reduces the amount of water to be removed from the FCRPS, it should be noted in the application, as these water savings provide an additional benefit in the evaluation process.

Key Project Evaluation Criteria (See application attachments for project criteria details):

- The ESRP application process is competitive: lower costs per kWh savings will receive higher rankings.
- The maximum funding rate is based on measure life and is capped (depending on measure life) at \$0.35/kWh.
- The funding that BPA provides will not exceed 100% of the project cost and applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding sources from other agencies and programs or internally. The funding that BPA can provide along with funding from other sources must be no more than 100% of the project cost.
- Projects must be completely installed before September 30, 2017. Multi-year projects may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please find attached a copy of the ESRP application form. An electronic version of the form is also available online in the Resources section of the ESRP website at:

<http://www.bpa.gov/EE/Sectors/federal/Pages/Energy-Smart-Reserved-Power.aspx>

ESRP -Application Cycle Timeline:

May 22, 2017- ESRP Applications Solicited

August 25, 2017 - ESRP Applications Due to BPA

September 22, 2017- Successful Applicants Notified

September/October 2017- Agreements Developed and Signed

Following the initial application cycle, ESRP will continue to operate on an as-needed open application season in which any additional projects will be accepted for consideration. Selection and award of open season projects will only be made as funds are available. Open season projects may be submitted any time after the application cycle deadline using the ESRP Application. If funds are available, open season applications may be awarded with the criteria that the project schedule indicated in the application would still allow the work to be complete before September 30, 2017.

Please note that FY 18 budgets are not final. Submitting an application does not guarantee project funding, and project selection by BPA is not a guarantee of funding until a contract has been awarded to, and executed with, the applicant.

If you have any further questions about this opportunity, feel free to e-mail us at esrp@bpa.gov or call me at the number provided below.

We look forward to the working with you.

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